



Franklin C. Miller

Biography

Frank Miller is a Principal at The Scowcroft Group in Washington, D.C. He joined the group in August 2010, after five years as a member of the Cohen Group, first as a Vice President and then as a Senior Counselor. He joined the Cohen Group in March 2005 from the White House, where he had served since January 2001 as a Special Assistant to President George W. Bush and as Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control on the National Security Council staff. At the White House, he was responsible for a wide range of Presidential policy in the fields of nuclear deterrence policy, strategic arms reductions, national space policy, defense trade reform, land-mines, transforming the American and NATO militaries, and coordinating interagency support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His White House assignment capped a 31-year career in the U.S. government, which included two years at the Department of State and 22 years serving under seven Secretaries in a series of progressively senior positions in the Department of Defense. His final DoD assignments were as Acting Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy from September 1996 to November 1997; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Threat Reduction from November 1997 to October 2000; and again as Acting Assistant Secretary from October 2000 until January 20, 2001. During his career, he had unusual influence on the evolution of national deterrence and nuclear targeting policy, on the START 1 and START 2 treaties, and was instrumental in forging critically important new relationships with the British Ministry of Defence. He was deeply involved in improving U.S. capabilities to counter, defend against, and defeat biological and chemical weapons; in enhancing U.S. defense relations with Russia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; in building the basis for U.S. and NATO strategic and tactical missile defense programs; in national reconnaissance and space policy; and in submarine operations policy. He also served as the chair of NATO's nuclear policy committee ("the High Level Group") from September 1996 to January 2001 and of NATO's counter-proliferation policy committee ("the Defense Group on Proliferation") from September 1996 to December 1997.

For his service, Miller has been awarded the DoD's highest civilian award, the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, five times, and received the DoD's Distinguished Public Service Medal in lieu of a sixth award. His other U.S. awards include the Department of State Distinguished Honor Medal, the Department of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Medal, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service, and the Defense Intelligence Agency's Director's Medal. Promoted to the Senior Executive Service in 1984, he was awarded the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive in 1997. In addition, Miller has been awarded the Norwegian Royal Order of Merit (Grand Officer) and the French Legion of Honor (Officer). In December 2006, he was awarded an honorary knighthood — a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) — by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of his many contributions to U.S.-U.K. relations during his decades of government service.

Miller is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He also serves on the Boards of Directors of EADS-North America and Sandia National Laboratories. He is a member of the Defense Policy Board and the U.S. Strategic Command Advisory Group. In addition, he is a Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' International Security Program. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Director of the Atlantic Council of the United States, and a Director of the Naval Historical Foundation.

Miller served from 1972 to 1975 as a Surface Warfare Officer aboard the USS Joseph Hewes, a Knox-class frigate, with deployments in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic. He served in the naval reserve from 1975 to 1980. Miller received his BA (Phi Beta Kappa) from Williams College in 1972. He received an MPA from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School in 1977.